

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 as noted above. No new matter has been introduced thereby.

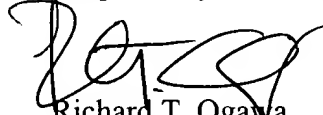
All other claims have been cancelled, without prejudice for renewal in a continuation and/or related application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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